GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Implementation of Price Support Scheme for Procurement of Maize under Minimum Support Price (MSP) during Rabi 2020-21 – Appointment of A.P.MARKFED as State Nodal Agency – Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (MKTG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 239 Dated: 26-04-2021.

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.27, A&C (MKTG.II) Department, dated 09-01-2020.
2. G.O.Ms.No.52, A&C (MKTG.II) Department, dated 03-04-2020.
3. G.O.Rt.No.307, A&C (MKTG.II) Department, dated 14-04-2020.
4. Minimum Support Price declared by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare for 2020-21.
5. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P Guntur, Letter.No.Stat (1) 69/2020, Dated 20.2.2021
6. From the MD, A.P MARKFED, letter No. P&M/Maize/MSP/RMS/2020-21, dated 23.02.2021.

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ORDER:

In the Government Orders 1st, 2nd and 3rd read above, the guidelines for MSP operations of Coarse grains were communicated to the Nodal Agency.

2. In the letter 6th read above, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada has informed that the Department of Agriculture communicated the District-wise Area, Yield & Production estimates and expected Market arrival period for Coarse grains during Rabi 2020-21 vide letter 5thread above. As per the information furnished by the Department of Agriculture, the Maize area sown is 1,81,517Ha and the expected Production is 13,20,682 MT's.

3. The Government of India has declared the MSP for Maize (Hybrid) is Rs.1,850/- per Quintal for the year 2020-21. As per the guidelines issued by the DFPD, the Govt.of India will give fnancial assistance for procurement of coarse grains under MSP provided that the procured coarse grains are distributed under PDS as Maize is not distributed under PDS/ other schemes. The procurement of Maize under MSP has to be taken up in State Account.

4. The Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED has requested the State Government to nominate the A.P. MARKFED as the Nodal Agency and to accord permission to procure 3.96 Lakh MT's of Maize under MSP during Rabi 2020-21 in the State Government Account. Further, the Managing Director, AP Markfed has requested to arrange the required funds from Price Stabilisation Fund and accord permission to raise the funds by way of loans from the Banks and also the interest amount shall be reimbursed from the State Government Price Stabilisation Fund.

5. The Government after careful examination of the proposal and considering the exigency to procure Maize to ensure that farmers get remunerative price and relive them from distress sale, hereby nominate the AP Markfed as Nodal Agency for procurement of 3.96 Lakh MT's of Maize under Price Support Scheme on MSP during Rabi 2020-21 with the following modalities:-

1. The MSP fxed by the Government of India for 2020-21 for FAQ Maize is Rs.1,850/- per Quintal shall be implemented by the Nodal Agency.

2. The procurement period will be from 24-4-2021 to 30.06.2021.

3. The procurement centers at the RBK level will be decided by the District Administration in the DLPC meeting as per the area and production details given by the Department of Agriculture.

4. The stocks will be procured directly from the farmers who are registered in the e-crop portal of the Department of Agriculture during Rabi 2020-21.

5. In the wake of COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, the procurement centers are to be opened at the RBK level. The procurement should happen duly following the physical distancing norms.

6. The Government has also decided to involve good working District Cooperative Marketing Societies (DCMS), Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) FPO's and VOs for the procurement activities.

7. The A.P.Markfed in coordination with Marketing Department shall arrange to position necessary equipment like tarpaulins, moisture meters, dryers, sieves, stitching machines, weighing scales, etc., at the procurement centers. The Nodal Agency, the AP Markfed shall also inspect and ensure that the availability of necessary equipment at the purchase centers well in advance.

8. The State Government will arrange the working capital for A.P.MARKFED for procurement of the requisite quantity of Maize on MSP from Price Stabilisation Fund. In case of exigency to make timely payment to the farmers, the A.P Markfed is permitted to raise the loans from the Banks and the interest amount shall be reimbursed from the State Government Price Stabilisation Fund.

9. In the Districts, under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector (RBK&R), a committee shall be constituted with JDA; PD, DRDA; DCO; DSO; AD, Mktg.; District Manager, AP Markfed, to ensure effective implementation of MSP operations of Maize. This Committee shall also decide the Transportation/ gunnies rates/unloading charges etc. for effective procurement operations if the same are not finalized by the State Level Committee.

10. The District Collectors shall provide all necessary assistance to the A.P.MARKFED in the implementation of Maize MSP operations and ensure wide publicity.

11. The Warehousing Agencies viz; CWC/ SWC Authorized collateral Managing agencies like Star Agri/ AWSL/ NCML/ NBHC etc. shall also provide space for storing the procured stocks of Maize. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all the Warehouse Managers to record the accurate weighment, moisture, etc., both at the time of depositing the stocks and at the time of delivery of the stocks. The Warehouse Managers of SWC/ CWC shall verify the quality as per FAQ specifications and record the same as FAQ stocks in stock acknowledgment/ Ware House receipts.

12. The farmer's payments should be done by Aadhar based online payments done through CM APP.

13. The AP MARKFED will be allowed incidental charges on an actual basis, which include Godown charges, packing material, unloading/ loading, commission, transportation, grading and packing stitching charges and hamali charges, etc.

14. Commission @2.5% on the procurement of Maize will be provided to the purchasing agency i.e. A.P Markfed for conducting these operations in addition to the other administrative expenses involved thereof.

15. After completion of Maize procurement in State Government account, A.P. MARKFED shall inform the State Level Procurement Committee to decide on the early disposal of the procured Maize stocks.

16. The A.P.Markfed shall take necessary steps for ensuring the liquidation of the procured Maize stocks at the earliest to minimize the procurement losses.

17. After disposal of the stocks the Managing Director, A.P MARKFED shall submit finalized accounts duly audited by the statutory auditor for reimbursement of losses incurred, if any in the transaction i.e. difference between the Cost of Acquisition and sale Price realized shall be borne by the State Government from PSF.

6. The Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, and the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (FMU-AC-CS-AH) Dept. vide their U.O.No.FIN01/FMU0ASD(AC)/36/2021-FMU-AC-CS-AH dated 22-04-2021.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Managing Director, A.P MARKFED, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, Guntur.
The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar Cooperative Societies, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada
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